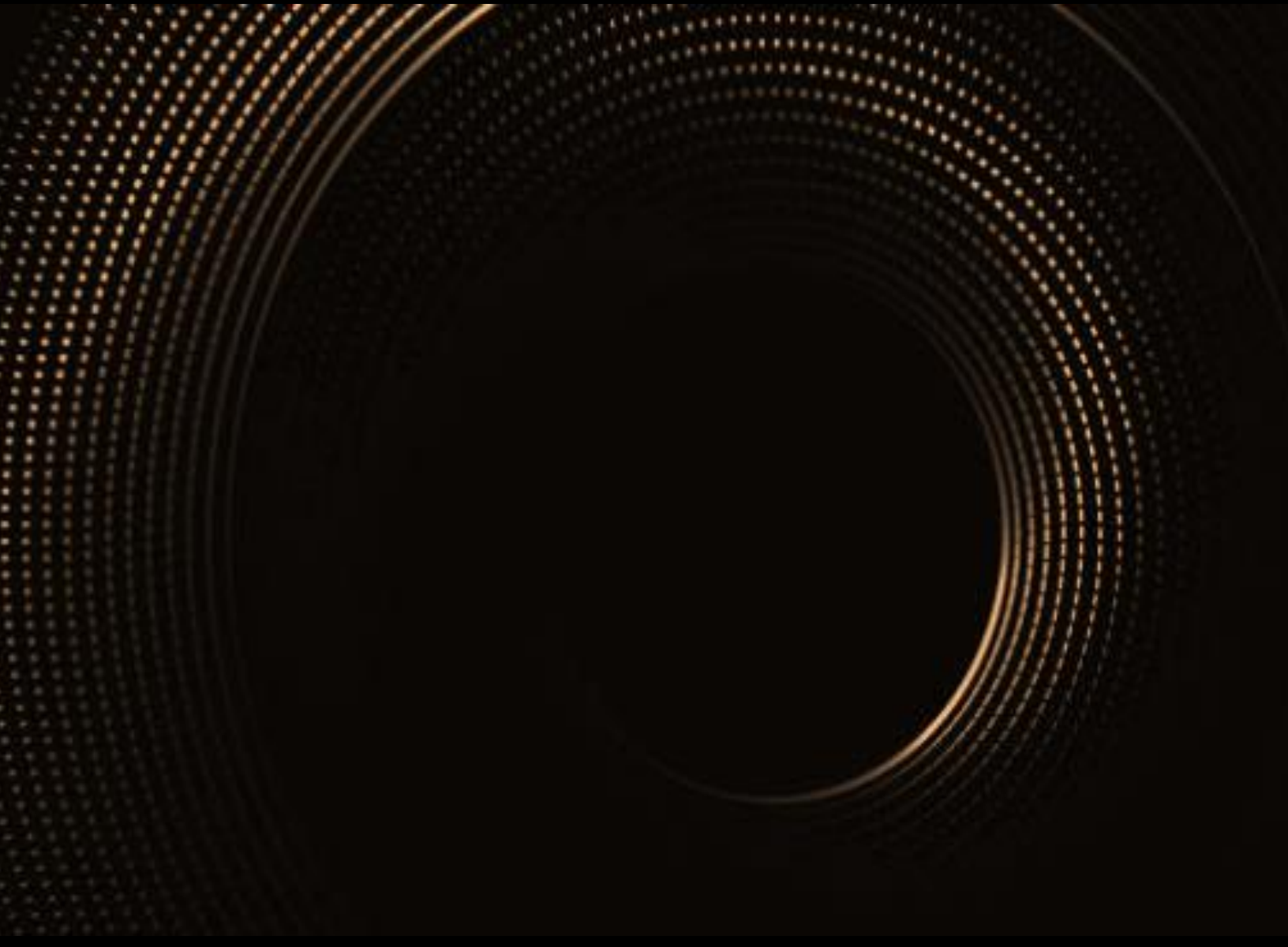


July 7

Matthew 7:21-23

“Lord, Lord”



**²¹ Not every one that saith
unto me, Lord, Lord, shall
enter into the kingdom of
heaven; but he that doeth
the will of my Father
which is in heaven.**

**²² Many will say to me in
that day, Lord, Lord, have
we not prophesied in thy
name? and in thy name
have cast out devils?
and in thy name done
many wonderful works?**

**²³ And then will I profess
unto them, I never knew
you: depart from me,
ye that work iniquity.**

Is this a pro-works verse
which contradicts the
grace/faith doctrine? Because
of the confusion which I had
been taught, at one time I
thought so. Now, however,
I understand that it is not at
all a contradiction of
salvation by grace through
faith, but rather a
confirmation of it. This verse
emphasizes that self-reliance
for salvation

is an iniquitous work.

At final judgment, God will declare that many, who have done incredible “works” will be very disappointed that their works did not connect them to Him. They will, albeit too late, know that they were dependent upon their works and, in so doing, made themselves (salvation-by-works teachers), their

own gods.

In some churches, people are being told to pray with a chair in front of them and to talk to that chair as if God were there. They are strongly urged from pulpits to do that sorcery practice and they do not “try the spirits”. They do not “search the scriptures” to find out that such is in no way a biblical practice.

They just follow and
idolize preachers rather
than hearing and obeying
the Holy Spirit.

Their replacing of “what
pastor said” for Scripture
and their value on works
rather than relationship
with God, is the iniquity
that they work. They do
this while all along
saying, “Lord, Lord”.